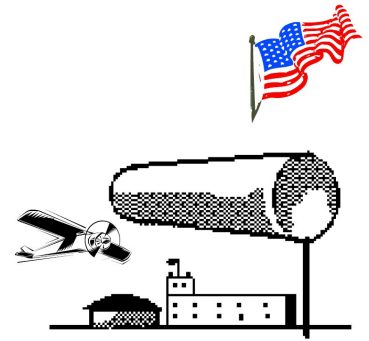


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at the August fun fly.....
**HOWARD SHIRE, EATING A HOT DOG WHILE
HIS PLANE SITS IDLING OUT ON THE RUNWAY?
WHAT WILL THEY COME UP WITH NEXT?**



Yes, that's what the event rules called for at the Tri-Lakes R/C Flying Club's Fun Fly, held on August 15th. Here, Howard is wolfing down a hot dog as his plane sits idling on the runway after completing a series of loops and rolls. Under the watchful eye of his wife, Claudia, Howard was required to eat all of the hot dog (well, it all had to be inside his "closed" mouth) before he was allowed to do another series of rolls and loops to finish the "Hot Dog" event. Though Howard was fast, John Woods beat him in this event by 2 seconds; and, Erv Rhode was only 4 seconds behind Howard.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello fellow pilots:

Thanks to Fritz we are going to continue to have a newsletter while Don is recuperating. At this writing (Saturday Aug 29) Don was supposed to come home yesterday but I haven't confirmed that. We owe a big thank you to Don, Fritz, Erv, and Howard for doing such a good job fixing up the porta potty.

It's good to have a little cooler weather to get out and fly in.

Next meeting is Tues Sept 8. Come early and fly and bring anything new for show and tell.

See you then,

Bud.

THE EDITOR'S NOTE PAD

Many thanks to the members who supplied pictures and other input for this newsletter. Special "thanks" go to Ardith Halbet and Annette McEvoy for providing members daily updates on Don Johnson's condition. The good news is that Don is out of the hospital and now recuperating at home. I'm sure that just being out of the hospital and at home will speed Don's recovery. And, it probably won't be long before we see him at Rocky Top Field flying his fleet of beautiful electric airplanes.

Over the 4+ years since I joined the club, Don has been pumping out these monthly newsletters with seemingly effortless ease. Well, let me tell you, it ain't that easy. I'm looking forward to the day when Don can once again take over this duty.

Your temporary editor,
Fritz Corbin

TRI-LAKES FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2009				
		JULY	AUGUST	Y T D
BALANCE	07/01/2009	\$1,960.92	\$1,954.10	
INCOME-DUES	————	\$ 80.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 963.36
INCOME-SHIRTS-CAPS		\$ 10.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 15.00
INCOME-FOOD	————	\$ 0.00	\$ 40.30	\$ 95.80
INCOME-50/50	————	\$ 5.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 40.50
INCOME-MISC	————	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
EXPENSE-FIELD	———	\$ 67.69	\$ 42.44	\$1,134.97
EXPENSE-NEWSLETTER		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 8.40
EXPENSE-SHIRTS&CAPS		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
EXPENSE-FOOD	———	\$ 7.78	\$ 22.96	\$ 76.20
EXPENSE-AMA	———	\$ 5.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 110.00
EXPENSE-WEB	———	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 185.00
EXPENSE-meeting room		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 75.00
EXPENSE-MISC	———	\$ 21.35	\$ 20.00	\$ 133.67
BALANCE	8/1 & 8/22	\$1,954.10	\$1,916.00	

CURRENT 2009 CLUB MEMBERS

Below are the names of the 27 members that are current in their 2009 Club dues:

Rick Almond, Bud Austin, Sid Beckham, Fritz Corbin, Gene Fyson, Larry Gliser, Jim Halbert, Jim Haney, Don Johnson, Reader Jones, Joe Major, Annette McEvoy, Jack McEvoy, Dave Medley, Tom Mckenzie, Keith Oxby, Richard Peterson, Robert Pilecki, Henry Racette, Erv Rohde, Dick Shaler, Howard Shire, Gary Smith, Robert Smith, Roy Steinstel Joel (Bill) Walker, and John Woods.

If you feel your 2009 Club dues are current but you are not on the above list contact Erv Rohde for needed corrections.

MEETING MINUTES

TRI-LAKES R/C FLYING CLUB

AUGUST 11, 2009

Vice President Fritz Corbin called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. at the Rocky Top Field. All officers were present except Bud Austin. There were 9 members present including the officers. There was one guest, Dick Shaler who joined the club. John Woods won the 50/50 pot. He received \$7.00 of the \$14.00 pot.

Committee Reports

Erv Rohde reported that we have a balance of \$1,954.10 in the bank account.

Annette McAvoy gave an update on Don Johnson who was in an auto accident.

Gene Fuson (safety officer) reported that he felt that having three planes in the air with Intro pilots was too many. He recommended that the number be limited to two planes when we have an outing such as the scouts or boys ranch.

Fritz Corbin reported the electric fence would be left on 24/7 because there was evidence of Armadillos on the field. Fritz also reported that the work on the Port-a- potty is complete.

Old Business

John Woods reported that there was no change in the progress for the display for the papers.

New Business

Fritz Corbin will prepare an abbreviated newsletter until Don Johnson recovers.

The fun fly scheduled for August 16th. Erv, John, and Howard will each submit an event.

Erv said he was out of club hats and asked if he should order more. After a short discussion it was decided that he should order the minimum amount.

Program

None

Meeting adjourned: 6:50

RECENT FIELD SCENES



Dave Medley putting together his snappy P-40; then flying it—under the watchful eye of Erv Rohde



Our repainted entrance gate sign

AUGUST 15, 2009 FUN FLY

.....thanks to Annette & Howard for inputs....

Tri-Lakes R/C August 15th fun fly had perfect weather (for flying kites) and some rather unique events. It was a really terrific day—but very windy. The food was great and everyone had a good time.

Competition started with Erv's **Target** event which consisted of the pilot having to taxi his plane and knock down (but not break) posts which were setup in a figure eight configuration. Placing rocks on the post bases finally let us get the event in (even though the posts had to be reset numerous times while the pilot was trying to beat the clock). Keith Oxby came up with the unique idea of leaving his wing off & trying to knock down the posts with the tail instead...took some fancy stick work but not well enough to beat the other guys. John Woods won the event with a time of 1 minute, 21 seconds—including 15 seconds in penalty points. Erv Rohde was only 2 seconds behind, and he took 2nd place. Howard Shire came in 3rd, and Keith Oxby was 4th.

The second event was definitely a first (and probably the last) for our "Hot Dog" pilots (no pun intended) which was entitled "**Hot Dog.**" This one consisted of 3 rolls and 2 loops, stop your plane EAT A HOT DOG IN A BUN and than go out and repeat the 3 rolls and 2 loops. Claudia Shire held the plate of hot dogs down to keep them from blowing away and gave each pilot his "dog" and a glass of water to help wash it down. John Woods won this event with a time of 2 minutes 57 seconds. Howard Shire was 2nd, only 2 seconds behind; and Erv Rohde was 3rd,—only 4 seconds behind Howard.

The final event was the **Timed Spot Landing** which was really a handful with the wind. This one consisted of a loop and a roll or a roll and a loop, immediately stop your engine and dead stick on the runway target.

Even though John Woods' dead stick landing wasn't even close to the target (his plane stopped 103 feet from it), he took first place as

the other contestants (Howard & Erv) were disqualified when the high wind forced their planes to land off the runway.

John Woods is the first-place winner of the fun fly, with Howard Shire and Erv Rohde tied for second place. We're probably going to have to wait until Don Johnson gets back before handing out event certificates; he has been handling the job of designing and printing them for umpteen years now.

Also, Don Johnson is the keeper of the records on **Top Gun** points. When he comes back, we'll let Don determine how many and to whom top gun points will be awarded for this fun fly. Talk about being indispensable.....Don's it.

ABOUT THE ELECTRIC FENCE:

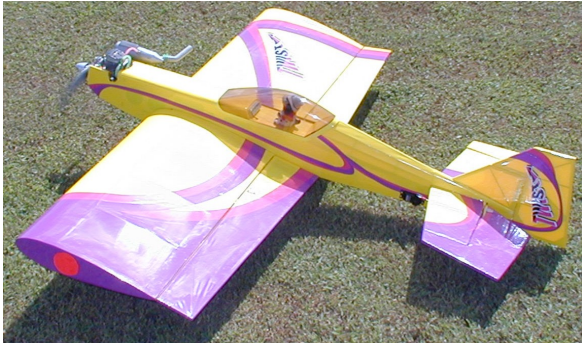
The fence is electrified 24/7 these days. Recently, however, this has not stopped one or more armadillos from getting onto the field and digging for grubs. Are they getting over the fence? Or, maybe, under it? Fritz isn't sure. Maybe we need a second, higher, strand. Perhaps the ground being quite dry is a factor—a ground return is needed to complete the high voltage circuit.

Field Scenes (cont'd)



Many thanks to the very thoughtful unknown person who placed a bottle of anti-bacterial hand washing lotion in the porta potty.

RECENT ROCKY TOP FIELD SCENES (cont'd)



SID BECKHAM'S TWIST
— nice flyer —



BUD AUSTIN
(got a big'n up thar)



DICK SHALER
(new member)



ERV'S TOY



JOHN WOODS — with his TWISTER

JACK & ANNETTE MCEVOY
— nice trailer —



J & A's MID-STAR
(ain't a high wing; ain't a low wing)
— they did a terrific job building it —



SEPTEMBER MEETING

September 8, 2009 6:00 PM

Meet at ROCKY TOP FIELD
In case of severe weather meet at
the Branson Rec-Plex

PROGRAM

**Fly before the meeting. Bring
your current projects for
show and tell.**

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SAFETY FIRST

*This safety suggestion was sent to me
by Don Johnson, before his trip to the
hospital.*

**When you are mowing the field, be
sure to wear hearing protection as
the mowers we have are pretty loud.
A lot of us old guys don't hear real
well anyway. So protect what you
have left.**

See You at the Field,

Gene Fuson
Safety Officer

FIELD SCENES (cont'd)



Bud Austin's Harrier 3D
— very light wing & fuselage construction —

**A skunk recently found itself caught in the live
trap we have set up to catch armadillos. When
first discovered, the little varmint was very
hostile to anyone approaching within 20 feet.
To avoid a very smelly situation, the little fel-
low was left alone for an additional 24 hours.
By then, it was quite docile, allowing Fritz Cor-
bin to open the trap door without spraying
smelly stuff on him. It scampered back into
the woods. Fritz is hoping it finds a new terri-
tory.**